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In re Application of:
Pekka Isomursu et al
Application No. 09/183,343
Filed: October 30, 1998
For: **COMMUNICATION NETWORK
TERMINAL SUPPORTING A PLURALITY
OF APPLICATIONS**

This is a decision on the Petition filed September 4, 2002 to withdraw the holding of abandonment under MPEP 711.03(c)(II) and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a). No fee is required.

The Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 2, 2002 for failure to respond in a timely manner to the Final Office action mailed May 8, 2001.

On June 6, 2001, applicant filed a request to reset the reply period to the Final Office mailed May 8, 2001. Applicant alleges that the Final Office action was incomplete because it failed to include a PTO-892 form and the copies of the newly cited references. It is noted that the references were not relied upon for grounds of the rejection, but were rather merely made of record. Therefore, these references were not required for applicant to respond to the outstanding Office action. Given that the newly cited art was not needed for response, the request for resetting the reply period is denied.

On May 15, 2002, a decision denying the request to reset the reply period was mailed.

On July 2, 2002, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed for failure to timely submit a proper response to the Final Office action mailed May 8, 2001.

On September 4, 2002, a Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment was filed.

It is noted that a request to reset the reply period to the Final Office action is not considered a proper response to the Final Office action. Even if a decision on a request to reset the reply period were to take longer than expected, it is applicant's responsibility to keep the application pending to avoid abandonment.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DENIED**.

Any request for reconsideration must be submitted within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this decision. No further petition fee is required for the request. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled A Renewed Petition To Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment.

The application file will be forwarded to the file repository.

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